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MAN CONVICTED OF ASSAULT ON FEDERAL OFFICER SENTENCED TO 87 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jesus Manuel Ochoa- Estrada, 21, of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here on September 2, 2005 by U.S. District Court Judge John M. Roll to 87 months in prison after a federal jury found him guilty of Assault on a Federal Officer with a Deadly Weapon, Depredation Against Property and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute.

The evidence at trial showed that on February 17, 2004, Ochoa, who had 647.50 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle, was attempting to flee from federal agents into Mexico when he rammed his pickup truck into a vehicle driven by a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent. Ochoa then lead law enforcement officers from three different agencies on a 15-mile chase from Bisbee, Ariz. down to the Mexican border. Ochoa was ultimately apprehended after he abandoned the vehicle and fled towards Mexico. After his apprehension, agents discovered the marijuana in his vehicle. Ochoa admitted he was transporting the marijuana to a location in Tucson.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Douglas, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Beverly K. Anderson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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